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Submission of Project 30.2043, Machine Building Plants in Communist China.

1. It is recommended that the attached report, Machine Building Plants in Communist China, be published as a research aid. The report, an outgrowth of research on branch project 30.2043, The Development of the Machine Building Industry of Communist China, is a detailed listing of the major machine building plants in Communist China and effectively summarizes and interprets a vast amount of scattered and often conflicting data. The compilation, which contains information on plant investment, production, product-mix, regional location patterns etc., supports the analysis and conclusions of branch project 30.2043. It is felt, however, that the inclusion of the plant list in project 30.2043 would complicate the editing and delay publication of the basic project on the development of China's machine building industry.

2. Since careful research has gone into the preparation of the plant list and since it is believed that this plant list is more complete and detailed than similar plant lists now available to the intelligence community, a survey of community-wide demand for a report of this type was undertaken. Working through ST/I the proposed research aid was described to a number of other government agencies. The results of this survey, tabulated below, justifies its reproduction although no high priority should be attached to its publication during the editorial process.

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